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To: The Chair and Members  
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## **CABINET**

Wednesday, 12th April, 2023

A meeting of the Cabinet is to be held on the above date at 10.30 am at Committee Suite (Clinton / Fortescue) - County Hall to consider the following matters.

Donna Manson  
Chief Executive

## **A G E N D A**

### **PART I - OPEN COMMITTEE**

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2023 (previously circulated).

3 Items Requiring Urgent Attention

Items which in the opinion of the Chair should be considered at the meeting as matters of urgency.

4 Announcements

5 Petitions

6 Question(s) from Members of the Council

**FRAMEWORK DECISION**

NIL

**KEY DECISIONS**

7 Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Plan (Pages 1 - 272)

Report of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport, (CET/23/28) seeking adoption of the updated Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Plan, attached.

This review of The Plan fits within a wider framework of documents including the Highway Asset Management Policy and Strategy, which was approved by Cabinet in April 2022. As part of this approval an Impact Assessment was prepared which can be seen here: [Highway Infrastructure Strategy and Policy - Impact Assessment \(devon.gov.uk\)](#). This impact assessment contains an Equality Analysis and is also attached.

The Corporate Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 23 March considered the Report of the [Standing Overview Group: Highways Asset Management Plan](#) which covered the Highways Infrastructure Asset Management Plan, Strategic Asset Management and the impact of funding challenges.

The Corporate Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee accepted the Report as an accurate record of the meeting and recommended;

(a) that the Highways Infrastructure Asset Management Plan contains further reference to taking opportunities for joint working with districts, towns and parishes on wider aspects of road maintenance such as litter picking; and

(b) that a map system to allow Councillors to easily identify the maintenance category of Devon roads be developed (alongside the plans to provide Councillors with access to the asset condition map) and that Members be permitted the ability to discuss with Officers the maintenance hierarchy of roads.

Cabinet is to note that the Plan has been updated to incorporate the recommendations.

*Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions*

8 County Road Highway Maintenance Capital Budget and Progress on 2022/23 Schemes and Proposals for the 2023/24 Programmes (Pages 273 - 298)

Report of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport, (CET/23/29) which deals with capital funding for highway maintenance and the On-street Parking Account (OSP). It reviews the progress delivered in 2022/23 for the capital programme and details the proposed programmes for capital funding and OSP for 2023/24, attached.

An Impact Assessment has been prepared and has been previously circulated separately to all Members of the Council as part of the Budget Setting Process. [Budget setting 2023/2024 - Impact Assessment \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://www.devon.gov.uk). If any Member requires a hard copy, then ask the Clerk prior to the meeting.

*Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions*

9 Adult Social Care - Market Sustainability Plan and Sufficiency Assessment (Pages 299 - 312)

Report of the Director of Integrated Adult Social Care (IASC/23/1) presenting the Market Sustainability Plan for Integrated Adult Social Care, attached.

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**MATTERS REFERRED**

10 Health and Adult Care Scrutiny Committee - Carers Spotlight Review - A Follow Up

In considering the Report of the [Carers Spotlight Review – A Follow Up](#), the Health and Adult Care Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 21 March 2023 had RESOLVED *‘that the recommendations detailed in the Follow-up report be commended to the Health System in Devon, subject to Recommendation 1 to read: that the Committee recognises the invaluable role of replacement care and urges the Council to develop an effective replacement care offer for unpaid carers.*

The seven recommendations of the follow up review were outlined on page 4 of the Report.

Recommendations

(a) that the Health and Adult Care Scrutiny Committee be thanked for its comprehensive follow up report to the Carers Spotlight Review; and

(b) that the Cabinet Member for Integrated Adult Social Care and Health, and the Director for Integrated Adult Social Care be asked to take forward the report and co-ordinate progress towards the recommendations identified therein, engaging other partners and stakeholders as necessary.

*Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions*

11 Corporate Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee - Motorhomes Task Group Report (Minute \*107) (Pages 313 - 328)

At its meeting on 23 March 2023, the Corporate Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee had considered the Report of the Task Group on the development of a county-wide policy for the provision of longer and short term sites for Recreational Vehicles and Campers (Minute \*107 refers).

The Committee had RESOLVED that Cabinet be requested approve the recommendations (on page 1 of the Report) and actions with a report against progress to this Committee in 9-12 months' time.

**Recommendations**

(a) the Task Group report be welcomed and the Corporate, Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee be thanked for its work on this topic;

(b) the recommendations of the Task Group be supported; and

(c) that, to ensure fair and consistent enforcement and clarity to the public, benchmarking is undertaken with other Highway Authorities when considering any change to definitions of motorhomes / motor caravans within its Traffic Regulation Order.

*Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions*

12 Corporate Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee - Cost of Living Spotlight review (Minute \*108) (Pages 329 - 356)

At its meeting on 23 March 2023, the Corporate Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee considered the Report of the Spotlight Review held on 19th December 2022 following a scoping session (Minute \*108) refers.

The Chair of the Review had explained the rationale for the recommendations and acknowledged the supportive measures in place as outlined in the Report and their limitations in the current period of high inflationary pressures and the impacts on the most vulnerable members of Devon's communities.

The Committee had RESOLVED that the Cabinet be requested to endorse and act on the recommendations within the Report (contained on page 1), with a report against progress of the recommendations to this Committee in 6 months' time.

**Recommendations**

(a) that the Corporate Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee be thanked for its interest in this area and its thorough and helpful report; and

(b) that the recommendations within the report be accepted; noting that in relation to recommendation 2 the Council is in the process of procurement of a staff-wide discount scheme, and in relation to recommendation 4, it was announced in the Budget Statement on 15th March that the Energy Price Guarantee would remain at its current rate for an additional three months from April 1st until the end of June 2023.

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## **STANDING ITEMS**

13 Question(s) from Members of the Public

14 Minutes

Minutes of the bodies shown below are circulated herewith for information or endorsement as indicated therein (i.e. any unstarred minutes):

*(Minutes of [County Council Committees](#) are published on the Council's Website)*

a Devon Audit Partnership - 17 March 2023 (Pages 357 - 360)

b Devon Education Forum - 22 March 2023 (Pages 361 - 370)

The Cabinet are asked to endorse minute 90 in relation to the 2023/24 Advanced Notice of Planned Carry Forwards.

‘that the surplus budget carry forwards to 2023/24 be agreed in principle, as set out in Table 1 of Report (DEF/23/06) - [2023/24 Advanced Notice of Planned Carry Forwards](#)’

15 Delegated Action/Urgent Matters

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16 Forward Plan (Pages 371 - 384)

In accordance with the Council's Constitution, the Cabinet is requested to review the list of forthcoming business (previously circulated) and to determine which items are to be defined as key and/or framework decisions and included in the Plan from the date of this meeting.

The [Forward Plan is available on the Council's website](#).

**PART II - ITEMS WHICH MAY BE TAKEN IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PRESS  
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NIL

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